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For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS	)
FOR HEALING AND REPAIR OF	)
ARTICULAR CARTILAGE	)

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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.121**

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 6, 2006 for which a response is due on April 6, 2006, Applicants enclose the attached "Amendments to the Claims" section including the status identifiers for each of the claims. Due to the resulting changes in page numbering, Applicants request that the Examiner insert the enclosed "Amendments to the Claims" section without regard to page numbering.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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